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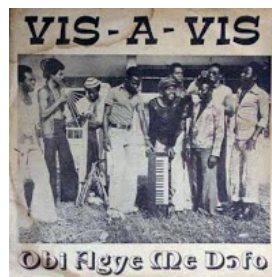


It seems that my last post about [K. Frimpong](#) has been enjoyed by a lot of people. Here is a deeper trip into Alhaji's afrobeat. It is quite difficult to find informations about him and his bands but I'll try to do my best. I would like to thank "Ogoun Ferraille" ("Ogun Scrap") who offered this great selection of titles.

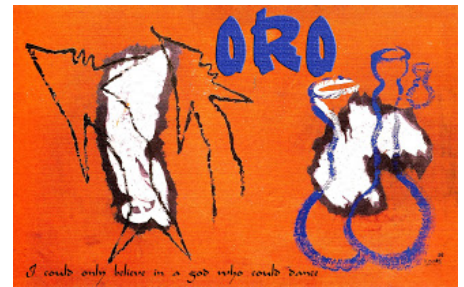
In the mid-70s, K.Frimpong recorded with two orchestras simultaneously. Let's begin with the Vis-A-Vis band. The first album was recorded in 1977 on the label Probisco Records (KBL 068). It has been reissued later on Makossa International Records (MA 7076). One of the best Vis-A-Vis album.

-Obi Agye Me Dofo

-Kankyema Ntoaso Ne Awadee



Vis-A-Vis was led by Isaac Yeboah, based in Kumasi and featuring some of the Ghana's finest musicians of the 70's: Sammy Cropper on lead guitar, Slim Yaw on bass and Kung-fu Kwaku on drums. This other album with Vis-A-Vis was recorded in 1978 on the label Ofori Brothers. Have pleasure...



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In 1966, in Bobo Dioulasso, Voltaïque city, rose for the first time on stage, a 14 years old boy, performing beautifully, in...



Danielou Sagbohan (1978)

Sagbohan is such listened in his country that it is difficult to find vinyl copies in good shape. I offer you a new copy of his first al...



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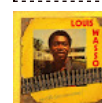
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I think many of you will enjoy this compilation of Togolese music which contains many stars such as divas Bella Bellow (produced by Man...



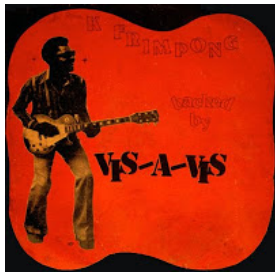
Orchestre ELECTRO-SUCCES & Orchestre NATIONAL JAZZ (1965)

New beninese band from the sixties, Orchestre Electro-Succès . The composer is Leon Houéssouvi and I discover the music as you. The othe...



Louis Wasson (Cameroon) feat. Ignace de Souza, Danielou Sagbohan, Miguelito (Sate/1978)

Louis Wasson is a great guitarist and arranger from Cameroon. During the 70's, he spent few years in Benin recording with numerous artists ...



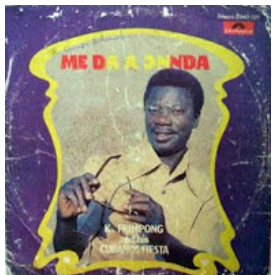
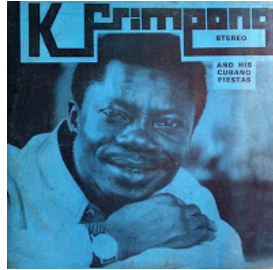
-Aboagyewaa

The other Frimpong's backing band was The Cubano Fiestas. In fact, Vis-A-Vis is the same band as the Cubano Fiestas except different members like George Amissah who plays Saxo alto, George Abunah (sax ténor) and Arthur Kennedy (trompette). These three guys were used to play with Ebo Taylor. I would like to thank Cyril from [Afrofever](#) for those additional informations.

The first recording seems to be from 1977, still on the label Ofori Brothers. We all know this album because of the famous title "Kyenkyen Bi Adi Mawu" which made Frimpong become an international and respected artist. Here are two melancholy diamonds:

-Kyenkyen Bi Adi Mawu

-Gyae Mensu



The other album recorded with the Cubano Fiestas was recorded in 1980 on Polydor's label. Those two titles are again two wonderful afrobeat tunes. As you may notice, the title "Nye Mea" is a remake of "Kyenkyen Bi Adi Mawu". Very interesting piece. To finish, Alhaji K. Frimpong passed away in 2005. Long life to his music and soul...

-Me Yee Owu Den

-Nye Mea

Libellés : 1977, Afrobeat, Frimpong, Ghana, Ogoun Ferraille



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Dolf Motz said...

Great post oro!!! Frimpong is one of my favorites.
Makossa Original
September 4, 2010 1:19 AM



reservatory said...

THANKS for these! Never a dull moment...
September 4, 2010 7:11 AM



calumbinho said...

I'm definitely among the many K. Frimpong fans. Thank you for hosting him again in your blog, and particularly for "Nye Mea" (a remake of Kyenken Bi Adi Mawu, right?), which I don't think had ever shown up on any cd comp or blog.
September 4, 2010 11:30 AM



trumpetaaa said...

many thanks for these great frimpong tracks
September 4, 2010 8:01 PM



Feq'wah said...

An unbelievable wonderful blog! So many quality post, all of them.

Thanks for the Alhadj!! Does anyone actually knows what the K stands for?
September 5, 2010 1:15 AM



Perrata 2000 said...

Holly Molly... Candela!!!
Gold man.
September 5, 2010 4:38 AM



Daniahou Sagbohan (1982)

On this 1982 album, Sagbohan definitely finds his style, a popular style, traditional, jazz and latin. But Sagbohan is above all a voice...



Cissé Abdoulaye & Les Vautours (Burkina-Faso, 1978)

This excellent album, recorded in 1978 by the Burkinabe singer and his band "Les Vautours" (The Vultures), is rare. The label Tropiques...



Orchestre LES TROUBADOURS DE OUIDAH (1969)

Elias Winsa was the leader of the "Troubadours de Ouidah", a popular orchestra from the sixties which had a short life. I think t...

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Oro is a Voodoo god. Oro represents dead spirits. Oro is invisible. Oro is a musical Voodoo.

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ReeBee said...
many many thanks!
September 5, 2010 6:08 PM



ken_yatta said...
Thanks for the information on Frimpong. I never realized that Vis-A-Vis and the Cubano Fiestas were pretty much the same band. Below is the title cut from another album by Frimpong.

Thanks,

Ken

Alhaji K. FRIMPONG AND HIS CUBANO FIESTA
Mo Tan Me - Am Kontamens Sounds LTD - Gema 1985

<http://www.mediafire.com/?tv5hiao8bynvp6>

September 18, 2010 5:08 PM



grooVemonzter said...
Awesome post. Truly stupendous. Thank you a million. Cheers, Cole
October 7, 2010 5:41 PM



goon said...
Any chance of reuploading the albums in this post?
December 28, 2010 4:48 AM



theshiva3 said...
Any chance of you re uploading the two Vis-a-Vis LP's you listed under the K.Frimpong post? I saw that link and almost shit myself till I realized they were all dead :(A sad mirage to come across. I have "agye me do fo" but it's the Makossa edition that actually has a different track listing on side two. Never heard of the "Kankyema Ntoaso Ne Awadee" LP! Would LOVE to check that out! Pretty please :)
February 25, 2011 4:39 AM



MD said...
Please re-upload this stuff!!! Especially the Vis-a-Vis. Dying to hear that. thanks.
February 27, 2011 6:17 PM



Oro said...
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goon said...
K = Kwabena.
May 20, 2011 5:52 AM



Feq'wah said...
Thanks goon! :)
May 27, 2011 4:58 PM



CarneZafiro said...
MANY MANY THANKS! Great post!
August 14, 2011 7:44 AM



rwtiobwetwebt Mans said...
Great coming across your page. Thanks for posting all the incredible music! Just saw the Marijata post too. Thanks for getting that second LP up. It's a real shame that the Academy folks flaked on the reissue and held that up for so long. Thought that was actually going to happen for a couple years. Some other label really needs to get that album out there for the rest of us to enjoy. Thanks for sharing.
June 6, 2012 4:47 AM

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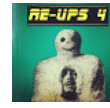
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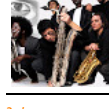
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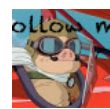
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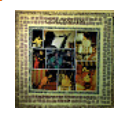
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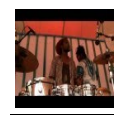
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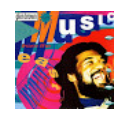
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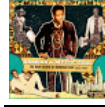


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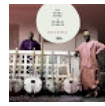
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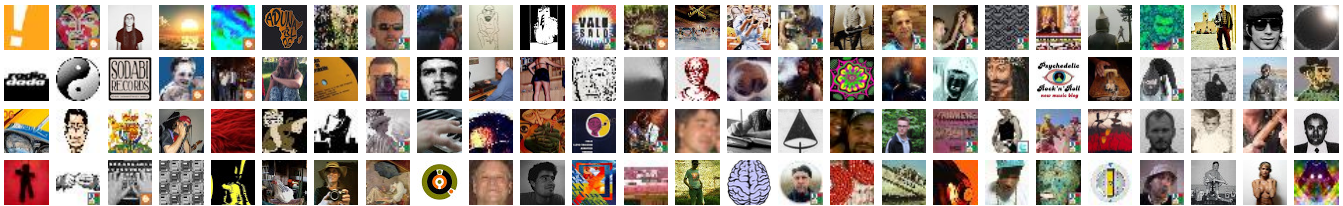
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